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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE AND THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE ON MANAGEMENT OF THE NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE PROGRAM ~~(TS)~~

I. Management of the National Reconnaissance Program

A. To insure that the particular talents, experience and capabilities within the Department of Defense and the Central Intelligence Agency are fully and most effectively utilized in the establishment, management and conduct of the National Reconnaissance Program, the Secretary of Defense and the Director of Central Intelligence hereby agree that the Secretary of Defense shall be the Executive Agent for the National Reconnaissance Program, which shall be developed, managed and conducted in accordance with policies and guidance jointly agreed to by the Secretary of Defense and the Director of Central Intelligence.

B. To carry out his responsibilities as Executive Agent for the National Reconnaissance Program, the Secretary of Defense will establish as a separate operating agency of the Department of Defense a National Reconnaissance Office under the direction, authority and control of the Secretary of Defense.

C. The Director, National Reconnaissance Office, shall report directly to the Secretary of Defense and shall keep him and the DCI

currently informed on the National Reconnaissance Office and the National Reconnaissance Program. In addition, he shall keep appropriately informed such Department of Defense and Central Intelligence Agency officials as may be designated by the Secretary of Defense or the Director of Central Intelligence. ~~In the execution of their respective responsibilities the Secretary of Defense and the Director of Central Intelligence may designate appropriate officials of the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Central Intelligence Agency to examine and monitor on their behalf the activities of the National Reconnaissance Office.~~

II. Organization and Command of the National Reconnaissance Office

The National Reconnaissance Office shall consist of:

A. A Director appointed from among the officers and employees of the Department of Defense by the Secretary of Defense with the concurrence of the Director of Central Intelligence, who shall devote a major portion of his time to the business of the National Reconnaissance Office.

B. A Deputy Director appointed from among the officers and employees of the Central Intelligence Agency by the Director of Central Intelligence with the concurrence of the Secretary of Defense. The Deputy Director NRO shall at all times be kept fully and currently informed as to

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all activities of the National Reconnaissance Program, affecting his assigned responsibilities. ~~and shall~~ Under the direction of the Director NRO he shall be responsible for:

1. ~~Maintaining liaison~~ Supervising relations between the NRO and the United States Intelligence Board and its subcommittees;

2. Supervising relations between the NRO and the intelligence exploitation community;

3. Insuring that all directions of the Director, NRO, are carried out promptly within the Central Intelligence Agency.

~~2.~~ 4. Managing, ~~directing and supervising all covert projects~~ NRP tasks ~~and operations heretofore assigned or hereafter~~ assigned by the Director, NRO, to the Central Intelligence Agency. ~~for execution; and~~

~~3.~~ 5. Performing such other duties as may be assigned by the Director, NRO.

~~The Deputy Director shall act for, and exercise the powers of the Director, NRO, during his absence or disability.~~

C. Such personnel of the Army, Navy, Air Force, other components of the Department of Defense and the Central Intelligence Agency as shall be assigned on a full time basis to appropriate positions within the National Reconnaissance Office.

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D. The chain of command shall run from the Secretary of Defense as Executive Agent to the Director, NRO. Guidance to the Director, NRO, shall be furnished by the Secretary of Defense as Executive Agent hereunder and by the United States Intelligence Board.

E. During the absence or disability of the Director, NRO, the Secretary of the Air Force shall act on any NRO matter pertaining to the Department of Defense.

III. Functions and Responsibilities of the National Reconnaissance Office

Subject to the provisions of applicable public law, the provisions of this Agreement, the guidance he receives from the Secretary of Defense (and from the Director of Central Intelligence through the Secretary of Defense), the Director, NRO, is responsible for management of all aspects of the NRP. In particular, he ~~The National Reconnaissance Office, under the direction and operational control of its Director,~~ shall be responsible for:

A. Assigning all project tasks such as technical management, contracting, etc., to appropriate elements of the DOD and the CIA, changing such assignments, and taking any other steps he may determine necessary to the efficient management of the NRP.

B. Development and operation on a continuing basis ~~for the approval~~

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~~of the Secretary of Defense and the Director of Central Intelligence~~ of a single National Reconnaissance Program to consist of all projects for collection of intelligence, mapping and geodetic information through ~~for all manned aircraft and satellite~~ overflights over denied territory, by aircraft, drones, and satellites, both imagery and/~~ELINT~~ SIGINT exclusive of peripheral ~~SIGINT~~ operations. ~~In such planning,~~ maximum use will be made of ~~the~~ appropriate technical and operational capabilities and resources of the Department of Defense, NSA and CIA ~~will be made~~ to support all collection and processing ~~programs~~ projects.

~~A.~~ C. Responding directly and solely to the imagery and electronic signal (SIGINT) collection requirements and priorities established by the United States Intelligence Board.

~~C.~~ D. Scheduling all missions for overflights in the National Reconnaissance Program, ~~subject to~~ obtaining appropriate clearances where required from higher authority.

~~D.~~ E. Execution of all ~~manned aircraft and satellite overflights~~ NRP flights over denied territory, ~~both imagery and ELINT, excluding peripheral SIGINT operations,~~ employing where appropriate the capabilities, facilities and resources of the Department of Defense and the Central Intelligence Agency through specific delegation of responsibility to appropriate DOD and CIA elements.

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~~E.~~ F. Initial imagery processing, titling, production and delivery of the collected product to the users as specified by the USIB. ~~of the collected product.~~

~~F.~~ G. Decommutation, conversion, technical correction and reconstruction of the collected electronic signal data to yield a usable collection product, and delivery of such collection product in proper format together with associated data necessary for exploitation to the NSA or other user as specified by the USIB.

~~G.~~ H. Engineering analysis of all collection systems to correct the problems that exist on the operating systems as well as to provide information for new systems.

~~H.~~ I. Planning and conduct of research and development of future NRP projects, utilizing ~~therefore the~~ appropriate resources and capabilities of the DoD, CIA and ~~where appropriate the services of~~ private contractors.

~~I.~~ J. ~~Approval of all~~ Presentation, as required, of all aspects of ~~with respect to~~ the NRP to the Special Group ~~where Special Group approval is required~~ and the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.

~~J.~~ K. Maintenance of a uniform system of security procedures and control in accordance with security policy established for the NRP by the Director of Central Intelligence.

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~~K.~~ L. Preparation of budget requests for all NRO programs, and presentation and substantiation of such budget requests to the Secretary of Defense and the Director of Central Intelligence, the Bureau of the Budget and Congressional Committees. CIA will include in its budget presentation to the Bureau of the Budget and Congressional Committees the identity of those NRP tasks ~~projects for~~ which ~~execution is~~ are assigned to CIA and which are to be financed from NRO resources.

~~L.~~ M. Direction and management of the application of, and administration of all funds made available for the National Reconnaissance Program.

~~M.~~ N. Rendition of status of funds reports and analyses.

IV. Authorities

The Director, National Reconnaissance Office, in connection with his assigned responsibilities for the National Reconnaissance Program, shall be authorized to:

A. Organize, staff and supervise the National Reconnaissance Office

B. Establish, manage and conduct the National Reconnaissance Program.

V. Relationships

A. In carrying out his responsibilities for the National Reconnaissance Program, the Director, National Reconnaissance Office shall:

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1. Keep such officials of the Department of Defense and the Central Intelligence Agency as the Secretary of Defense and the Director of Central Intelligence may respectively designate under the provisions of paragraph I C ~~to examine and monitor the National Reconnaissance Program on their behalf~~, personally informed on a regular basis, or on request, on the status of projects of the National Reconnaissance Program.

2. Establish appropriate liaison between the National Reconnaissance Office and the United States Intelligence Board, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Defense Intelligence Agency, and the National Security Agency.

3. Where appropriate make use of qualified personnel of the Department of Defense and the Central Intelligence Agency as full-time members of the National Reconnaissance Office.

4. Make maximum utilization of ~~the~~ appropriate technical and operational capabilities and resources of the Department of Defense, the National Security Agency and the Central Intelligence Agency to support all collection and processing programs including but not limited to, electronic signal and imagery programs.

B. Officials of all elements of the Department of Defense and the Central Intelligence Agency shall provide support within their respective ~~fields of responsibility~~ authorities to the Director, National Reconnaissance Office as may be necessary for the Director to carry out his assigned

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responsibilities and functions. Streamlined management procedures may- shall be utilized whereby individual project directors will report directly to the Director, National Reconnaissance Office. The Director, National Reconnaissance Office shall be given support as required from normal staff elements of the military departments and agencies of the Department of Defense and of the Central Intelligence Agency concerned, although these staff elements will not participate in those project matters except as he specifically requests, and these projects will not be subject to normal Department of Defense or Central Intelligence Agency staff review.

VI. Effective Date

This agreement is effective upon signature and supersedes the DOD-CIA NRO Agreement dated 2 May 1962.

_____ February 1963

John A. McCone Director of Central Intelligence	Roswell Gilpatric Deputy Secretary of Defense

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Alternate paragraph E, page 4:

E. The Director, NRO, shall designate appropriate DOD personnel to act for and with the authority of the Director, during his absence or disability, on any NRO matter pertaining to the DOD except those over which the Deputy Director has responsibility under Section II, B.